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		4 Sambhalpur	Kuchinda
		5 Keonjhar	Keonjhar
			Champua
		6 Gajapati	Parlakhemundi
		7 Phulbani	Phulbani
			Balliguda
		8 Kalahandi	Th. Rampur
		9 Koraput	Koraput
			Jeypur
		10 Malkangiri	Malkangiri
		11 Nawarangpur	Nawarangpur
		12 Rayagada	Rayagada
			Gunupur

Forest rights on tribals

1657. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the tribal people are not allowed to exercise their rights on the forests for their habitation and livelihood;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the concerned Act has not yet been enforced in many parts of the country; and

(c) if so, the details ofthe execution of the law?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KYNDIAH): (a) to (c) It is acknowledged that in many cases, tenurial and access rights of forest dwelling Scheduled Tribes in respect of forest land, which they have been traditionally inhabiting for ages, have not been recognized. To address the problem, Parliament has enacted the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 to recognize and vest certain forest rights in forest dwelling Scheduled Tribes and other traditional forest dwellers who have been residing in such forests for generations but whose rights could not be recorded. The Act has been notified for general information and is yet to come into force. To carry out the provisions of the Act, the Ministry of Tribal Affairs has framed the draft Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Rules, 2007 and the same was pre-published in the Gazette of India dated 19.6.2007 seeking comments and suggestions from the public and other stakeholders. The proposed rules are to be finalised in accordance to the established procedure taking views and comments received from the public into consideration.